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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Timeline for contract obligation.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2007.

Purpose: To provide basins with due dates and actions relating to activities in the obligation of 2008 EQIP funds.

Explanation: In order to implement farm bill programs in a timely manner, Oregon NRCS has developed a schedule to assist basins in implementing Farm bill activities. In preparation of the new farm bill, NRCS has informed all states that FY 2008 EQIP funds apportioned under the 2002 farm bill will need to be obligated by December 31, 2007. This bulletin outlines the revised timeline to obligate EQIP funds in Oregon.

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Leader - Programs

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FY 2008 EQIP Timeline

Program	Activity	Responsibility of ...	FY08 Due Dates
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)			
	Basin training on the "Practice Payment Schedule" process	State office	March 1 - May 18, 2007
	Basin's 1st Initial review of the "Practice Payment Schedules" recommendations provided to NRCS State Office	Field Office	April 18 - June 29, 2007
	Field Offices - engage LWG discuss; Practice Payment Schedule, evaluate resource concerns, ranking tool, funding pools	DC	June 1 - August 31, 2007
	BTL - engages BWG discuss resources issues, special funding pools	BTL	June - September 2007
	Programmatic Review (Tillamook, Coos/Curry, Jackson, Linn/Benton, Newport, Wallowa, Union, Malheur)	State office	May - August, 2007
	Web Posting of FY 2008 EQIP General Information completed	State Office	August 28, 2007
	NRCS State Office revises Practice Payment Schedule based on basin's recommendations and post on Oregon web page	State Office	July 1 - July 20, 2007
	Basin's 2nd review of the "Practice Payment Schedules" and recommendations provided to NRCS State Office	Field Office	July 20 - Sept 14, 2007
	Meet with OTAC to review resource issues, practices, and ranking	Leader - Programs	August 8, 2007
	NRCS State Office revises PPS and posts Final Draft on Oregon web page; final comments may be accepted by basins	State office	Sept. 17 - Sept. 28, 2007
	NRCS State Office approval and posting of the FY 2008 Practice Payment Schedule	State office	Oct 1 - Oct. 5, 2007
	Web Posting of FY 2008 EQIP Basin information completed	State Office	Sept. 28, 2007
	Changes to ranking criteria and funding pools due in the NRCS State Office	State office	Sept. 14, 2007
	Allocate FY 2008 funds with in Oregon	State office	October 1, 2007
	Cut off date for EQIP FY 2008 applications	Basins	October 31, 2007
	Ensure eligibility status for FY 2008 EQIP contracts (HELC/WC, AGI, 501A)	Field Office	November 30, 2007

Rank FY 2008 EQIP applications	Field Office	December 5, 2007
Applications entered in ProTracts are Pre-Approved status (letters sent to the applicant)	Field Office	December 7, 2007
Plan and contract development	Field Office	Sept. - Dec 9, 2007
Applications entered in ProTracts are Approved/Committed status (letters sent to the applicant)	Field Office	December 10, 2007
Notify NRCS State Office of un-obligated funds for FY 2008 contracts	Basin Team Leaders	December 10, 2007
All FY08 EQIP funds obligated in Protracts. Oregon State Office sweeps funds from basins for reallocation	Basin Team Leaders	December 14, 2007
Final obligation date	NHQ	December 28, 2007